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BETTER FARMING TRAIN

Finds a Good Crown Here.

Notwithstanding the cold, snowy, disagreeable day the Better Farming Train was greeted at Marlinton Friday afternoon by a crowd which packed the two cars to bear the lectures. Besides these, there were more than two hundred school children who went through the cars and inspected the exhibits, but were not present at the lectures. State Superintendent of Schools, the Honorable Thos. A. Miller, had charge of the children, the best crop of all, and saw that each one was presented with a memento.

The train consisted of two cars—one devoted to Horticulture and the other Agriculture—and was sent out by the State Board of Agriculture, with the object in view of arousing and creating an interest in better modes of farming, better roads, better homes, better everything that affects the farm and farmer. The men in charge were not mere theorists, but practical men who are real farmers but also specialists in their line. Among these were Charles McIntire and W. D. Zinn, who lectured on Cows and Alfalfa, and W. S. Moore and E. F. Mann, who are authorities on Horticulture.

The most encouraging sign of the age is the awakening to the importance of better methods of agriculture. The rail roads have taken the matter up, and our own roads, the Chesapeake and Ohio is following the lead of the other big roads and aiding in every way the spreading of knowledge. In this State, the General Freight Agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio, Mr W. O. Snyder, is doing an efficient work along this line. He accompanied the train as far as this point. Mr Snyder is an expert bee culturist and each year his hives yield him tons of honey in return for the care he devotes in his leisure hours.

It is a source of no small amount of gratification that the people of the county take such an interest in things which tend to their advancement as shown by the number present at the meeting Friday, the interest manifested and the attention given. Every community for twenty miles around had representatives present, and not a few ladies braved the storm.

In addition to the lectures, the decorations and exhibits from field garden and orchard were an education in themselves, to say nothing of the metheos which crowded the wall of the coaches.

These were made of seeds, grains, gravels, tubers, fruits, grasses, vines, stalks, and what not. The agricultural train looked like a granary, with corn festooned from end to end.

Those in charge of the car appeared to be as pleased with their reception here as we were with our instructors. They say they are coming back, and will spend at least half a day here, arranging the lectures so that all may hear. We hope that they may do so, for we are even more anxious to learn than even these zealous missionaries of a new earth are to instruct.

Brown's Creek.

Joe Gabbert is moving from Brown's mountain to Meadow Creek in Greenbrier county.

Mrs. W. A. Dilley and son Ellis have been visiting their relatives in Randolph county.

Mrs. O. L. Moore has had a bad case of rheumatism but is some better at present.

Jessie McComb and sister Enid of Huntersville were visiting their grandmother Mrs. H. P. McLaughlin several days last week.

H. P. McLaughlin was visiting his sister in Bath county last week.

Mable Young of Harrison county is teaching the M. Taber school, she is a fine teacher for her first school.

R. W. Lightner is staying at Oco Beverages while Mr. Beverage is in Baltimore with his little daughter who is at Johns Hopkins for treatment.

The bridge across Knapps creek at the Curry ford, is about completed.

Winston Herold is building a concrete cellar for D. L. Moore.

S. R. Hogsett is still in Highland county. His wife returned last week.

Monument to Battle of Point Pleasant.

Charles Bayer and John Austin of Pt. Pleasant, and Prof. Virgil Lewis of Charleston, members of the Pt. Pleasant Monument Committee, presented the plans for the monument to Governor Dawson yesterday, and it is said that they met with his approval. The monument which commemorates the battle of Pt. Pleasant, fought September 10, 1776, between the Indians and the forces of General Andrew Lewis. General Lewis commanded the Western Division of Lord Dunmore's army. Col. Chas. Lewis brother of General Lewis, was killed in the battle.

The monument will be a marble shaft and will be erected on the point overlooking the Kanawha and Ohio. The cost will be \$16,000 of which \$10,000 has been appropriated by the government and the rest by the state. Capt. Alstaetter of Wheeling secured donation from the Government and has charge of the fund. Work on the monument will be begun at once.

Top of Alleghany.

We have been having fine weather and the farmers have their fall work done.

Lewis Simmons has built a stable recently.

J. J. Spencer and Fred Barkley went to Bartow for a load of flour Wednesday.

Sam and Chas. Spencer, Berlin Simmons and Lee Wooddell attended the Round Table at Marlinton last week which they report very interesting.

We had an interesting Thanksgiving service at the church Thursday.

Noah Lunsford made a business trip to Marlinton Friday.

W. Lee Wilmoth and daughter Miss Leva went to Durbin last week.

John A. Spencer is visiting relatives in Pendleton county.

Sam Spencer took some poultry to Bartow Saturday.

Charles Wooddell took a load of buckwheat flour to Dunlevie last week.

Charles Varner, of Virginia, was in this section Sunday on his way home from Spruce.

The boys say they wish the skunks would stay out of the road when they are going to Bartow before daylight to catch the morning train.

CUSSING THE COURT

The Greenbrier Independent of last week contains a long attack on our Circuit Court beginning with the convention which nominated the present incumbent and bringing it down through more than four years to date. The cause of this out burst is Judge Bennett's conveying the impression that he did not appreciate the Independent's apparent endorsement of S. M. Wood's attack on the Judge in an address which he delivered at Lewisburg. It is hardly in order for a Democratic paper nowadays to get too rampant for a man as though the people will elect Democrats to office. If Greenbrier had not had a bigger majority to play on she would have been Republican just as surely as Pocahontas. Under no circumstances do we favor attacks on our courts. We do not believe that the President of the United States is big enough to assail the courts publicly. Of course we all have a right to growl privately at courts when disappointed but it is not the thing to attack either the courts or the church in the newspapers. We have never known a more notable case of an ingrate than that of that man Wood. He located first in Greenbrier and was having a hard time to make a living for himself and family. Judge Bennett appointed him to a commissioner's place. Afterwards Wood moved to Fayette county and Judge Bennett loaned him enough money to enable him to get a roof over his head. After a couple of years Wood not succeeding, Judge Bennett enforced a deed of trust against the house Wood had bought and lived in all that time. Then it was a case of benefits forgotten and Wood took the platform against the Judge. The Independent was the only paper in the district which paid any attention to the ravings of Wood and in the report the Independent printed Wood claims that he was not quieted correctly. Let us have peace.

Judge Bennett has made us a good judge and much good has been accomplished by him especially in behalf of temperance. We are sorry to see our esteemed contemporary, edited by a distinguished West Virginian, one of the old guard of Democracy, going around with a chip on the shoulder. As for us we never was no hand to argy, especially with the court.

Governor Names Good Roads Men.

Pursuant to the resolutions passed at the fourth annual meeting of the State Board of Trade at Clarksburg. Governor Dawson has appointed the following men to act as a state good roads commission: Howard N. Sutherland, chairman, Elkins; Gray Silver, Martinsburg; James H. Stewart, Morgantown; Robert Hazlett, Wheeling; Samuel Y. Simms, Petersoa; A. J. Marple, Lorentz, and E. C. Colcord, St. Albans. The members of the commission have been notified of their appointment and the governor has called the first meeting at the state capital. Wednesday, December 16 at 10 a. m. At the first meeting of the commission, State Highway Inspector Williams, will present some valuable data, which he has secured in his trips throughout the state. According to the resolutions passed at Clarksburg, the purpose of the commission is to frame a good roads law, based upon the experience of the states that have already adopted such legislation. This law shall be presented at the coming session of the legislature and the members shall do all in their power to have it passed.

The Tragic Story of Miss McRoe.

During the Revolutionary War there were few single events of a more pathetic and thrilling nature than the murder of Miss Jane McRoe. This young woman was very fair and lovely and betrothed to an officer in one army or the other American or British, at the present date of time it matters not which to the interest or our story, which is strictly true.

Miss McRoe being at some distance from her lover he sent for her thro' the trackless forests, to consummate the happiness of their marriage. It was to the hands of a trusty band of Indians that the officer committed the sacred trust of conveying his beloved to him. The regard for her safe bringing was to be a barrel of whiskey which true and sad, to say, the Indians had learned from the white man to value and imbibe. How apt the Indian was to learn what he esteemed highly, the use of fire arms, &c, but how slow to acquire arts of civilization, for them he had no stomach, and so he dwindled away, unable or unwilling to compete with his white invader, and in a few instances, his brother and friend, witness the religious efforts of Elliot, of Brainerd and others. The Indians had his deep spiritual sense and largely responded. Often times, to his heavenly instructor. We have beautiful examples of Indian Christian faith and instances of high poetic fervor among the red children of the west whom nature seemed fondly to remember.

To return to our story. The maiden's coming delayed to the over impulsive and impatient lover, he dispatched, in a most unfortunate moment a second band of Indians, promising higher reward to those who first brought Miss McRoe. Under a wide spreading pine beside a gentle gurgling stream, the two bands of Indians met and contended for their prize. Miss McRoe witnessed the horrible struggle, whose finale was to be her own death, for soon an enraged Indian buried the bloody tomahawk in her brow, and so ended the anticipated joy of lover and bride!

No vengeance or attempt at punishment followed the unprovoked and cruel deed and the Indians have belief that in such a case, the Great Spirit is angry with them and will himself wreak vengeance swift, sure and super human. They forsook the path trodden in that fatal march: "Those waters quenched their thirst no more; shadeless to them that tree"; there heaved the lone spirit of unavenged McRoe!

A. L. P.

Word has just been received of the burning of the dwelling of Thomas Moyers, near Franklin, Pendleton county, in which his two children, aged three years, and nine months, were cremated. Mr Moyers was away from home and Mrs. Moyers left the children alone when she went to milk, some distance from the house. On her return she saw smoke issuing from the building and upon opening the door a mass of flames. It was impossible to save the children.

The state of West Virginia field suit in circuit court here today against the estate of the late United States Senator Johnson N. Camden, to collect \$1,770,452.93 under the forfeiture clause of the new tax law, which provides that when a person fails to report the value of property the state can declare forfeited 20 per cent of the amount withheld. It is alleged that in the three years preceding this one about \$2,000,000 worth of property was not returned by Senator Camden while this year \$1,500,000 was not reported.

—Gazette.

Correct English

BY ROBERT A. ARMSTRONG.

Good usage requires not only that we shall avoid expressions that are positively ungrammatical, but that we shall avoid also trite phrases, hackneyed quotations, tiresome newspaper expressions, and affected, high-flewn language. The following suggestions apply more particularly to written than to oral speech.

We should avoid such over-worked formulas as the following: favor with a selection—in evidence—render a vocal solo—repetition—discourse sweet music—repart—do justice to a dinner—sought his downy couch—wended their way—in a pleasing manner—untiring efforts—replete with interest—abreast of the times—was the recipient of—doomed to disappointment—the student body—all nature clothed in a robe—long-felt want—fair maidens—along the line of—as luck would have it—the proud possessor of—in touch with—social function—order out of chaos—those with whom we come in contact.

We should beware of quotations and literary allusions that have become hackneyed: Method in his madness—Monarch of all I survey—Cupid has been busy—Variety is the spice of life—The best laid plans of mice and men, etc.—All work and no play—All is not gold—Where ignorance is bliss—Music hath charms, etc.

Beware also of affected, high-flewn language for plain things. Call a leg a leg, not a limb; call socks socks, not hose; say, "I went to bed," not "I retired"; "I got up," not "I arose"; "sent for the doctor," not "called into requisition the services of the family physician"; "the fire spread," not "the conflagration extended its devastating career"; "they danced," not "they tripped the light fantastic."

Much of this obsolete finery is still used in the newspapers and the country correspondent must bear the blame. Following is a bit of advice given to the country correspondents of the *Achison Globe* by Sel Miller.

"Milch" cow when speaking of a milk cow, can never get into these columns, if we are about and have our senses. The person who so writes it incurs our deadly enmity.

The writer who is writing of two more married ladies and calls the "Mesdames," would rob a hen roost and we hate him.

We will not countenance a writer who, in speaking of married lady, and wishing to give her maiden name also, says Mrs. Brown "nee" Jones.

If any writer speaking of the bill of fare set up at any meal and calls it a "menu," we shall club him at sight.

Any person who writes us proposing to give a "resumé" of certain events may as well not spoil his paper, and waste his time, ink and postage.

Those who wish to describe a dance or party will please take notice that "Wee sma' hours," "trip the light fantastic toe," and "All went merry as a marriage bell," are completely worn out and indicate that the writer has not sufficient brains to express himself in language of his own.

Beginning January 1, the new law governing the fees of county officials goes into effect. It requires that the sheriff, prosecuting attorney and clerk of the county and circuit court shall keep an account of the fees received of special interest to the public is the requirement that all fees, costs, percentages, penalties, and allowances due to the county clerk shall be collected in advance.

Has Filed His Statement.

J. Alfred Taylor, prohibition candidate for house of delegates in Fayette county, has filed the following statement:

Contributed nothing.
Disbursed nothing,
Expended nothing,
Promised nothing,
Expected nothing, and
Received nothing.

Collection of West Virginia Birds.

A very attractive exhibit of mounted birds has just been placed in one of the rooms of the West Virginia board of agriculture in Charleston. This room is in the capitol, the main building, on the second floor.

This collection is made up of 324 specimens representing 188 species of West Virginia birds. All the groups and families of birds that are commonly found in this State are represented by one or more species. The large series of water birds, birds of prey, sparrows and wood warblers are especially attractive. The heron group is beautiful. Such rare birds as the purple gallinule, yellow-crown ed night heron, red cockaded woodpecker, chuck will's widow, solitary prothonotary warbler and hermit, will interest all who see them.

In a few weeks a descriptive catalogue of this ornithological exhibit will be prepared. In this will be given careful notes on the distribution and habits of all these birds, which will be found of great value and advantage by all who wish to study the West Virginia birds.

Notice.

All persons are hereby notified that the partnership heretofore existing between T. A. Sydenstricker, C. L. Clard W. M. Irvine, trading under the firm name of the Farmer's Supply Company, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on by W. M. Irvine and C. M. Irvine under the firm name of Irvine Bros. All persons indebted to the said Farmers Supply Co must settle at once with T. A. Sydenstricker, W. M. Irvine or C. L. Clark.

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All persons holding claims against the estate of Amos Barlow dec'd, are hereby notified to present the same properly proven to the undersigned. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the said estate by bond or open account are hereby notified to come forward and settle at once.

This 5th day November 1908
W. H. Balow Admr. of Amos Barlow dec'd
Turkeys.
Turkeys.
Turkeys—Wanted by Good Heinrich Ronceverte, W. Va. We are now ready to receive and dress for Thanksgiving market. Call and see us before selling. Lone Phone 41

Church Bulletin

The Woman's Home Mission Society will hold a Bazaar at the Audridge Restaurant, Dec. 11th.

Refreshments of oysters, salads pickles, ice cream, cake and fruit will be served. Every body come and help these women in their work.

The training class meets every Friday night at 7 o'clock.

The effect of this training work is already felt, and seen in the Sunday School work. Enroll your names and prepare yourself for a S. S. Teacher, several more are needed now to properly care for the large number of pupils.

The Stewards report several delinquents on monthly payments. Are you one of them? Pay up or send in your reason for not doing so. We are in the fourth quarter and this part of our work must not fall behind. Be prompt and enable your Stewards to meet the demands upon them.

The effects of our protracted services is very clearly seen in the increased attendance at the Wednesday night prayer meeting. More than double the usual number. "Come and see." Several of the recent converts have not yet united with the church. We trust every one will do so. This is the ONLY way to keep right, DO RIGHT. If the denomination of your first choice is not represented in this place unite with another next best until you have an opportunity to unite with your own. Make a clear out decision, and let the world know where you are, it strengthens the cause and will help you be true to the love of God shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost."

A School for Farmers.

The College of Agriculture of West Virginia University has just issued an announcement of the Winter Course in Agriculture, to be given at Morgantown during the approaching January. The course will begin on the first Monday in January and continue four weeks. It seems to be well planned to appeal to the interests of all intelligent and progressive farmers. We should be glad to know that a considerable number of farmers of this county are interested in the work which the College of Agriculture is trying to do for them—a work which it is actually doing for those who go to it for the instruction offered. The Winter Course announcement will be sent to all who apply. Address Prof. T. C. Atkeson, Morgantown, W. Va.

Huntersville School Report for third month ending Sept. 27, 1908. No. enrolled 23, average daily attendance 22, per cent of 96½, present every day: Kathieen Carey, Fay Grese, Jessie McComb, Delta Wagner, Maige Sheets, Birdie McComb, Fred Moore, Chase Lorry, Clarence McComb, Winfred Moore, Clarence Moore, Clyde Wagner, Janie McComb, Everett Herold, 14. Primary room, Miss Clara Jordan, teacher. No. enrolled 23, average daily attendance 11, per cent of daily attendance 96, present every day: Louie Bare, Lucile Carey, Connie McComb, Donna McComb, Archie Bare, Fred Guth, Willie Grogg, Gray Lorry, Worth Lorry, Harry McComb, total 10

We appreciated the visit and helpful talk of our county superintendent. Two of our pupils are sick this week. If any are dissatisfied with our school, we ask them to visit us and make any suggestions they wish.

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